

### Deadline announced for Miss Coffee County Agriculture interview process

The interview process used to select Coffee County Miss Agriculture will be held Thursday, July 12, at the Coffee County Farm Center community room beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Interested applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 25 and live or attend school in Coffee County. Dress for the interview process is formal business suit.

Miss Coffee County Agriculture will represent Coffee County at various agricultural and community functions throughout the year, to bring awareness to agriculture. She will receive a cash prize totaling \$400 at the county level and represent Coffee County at the state level, competing for a \$2,000 scholarship and the use of a new car for one year. The first runner up will receive a cash prize of \$200 and the second runner up will receive a cash prize of \$100.

Applications can be picked up at the Enterprise or Elba ALFA offices. For more information call Andy Lavender (334) 735-9211 or Shirley York (334) 347-9558. Deadline to enter is Tuesday, July 10.

### Lifeguard on Duty

## Elba City Pool open for "fun in the sun"

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

With the weather so hot and muggy, many people find themselves searching for ways to "beat the heat" somehow. One of the most common ways is to take a plunge in the pool.

The Elba City Pool, located at Hawkins Williams Park, is open six days a week for that purpose. The pool is open Tuesday-Saturday from 12 (noon) until 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Admission to the pool is \$3 for ages 12 and up, \$2 for 12 and under, and those age 1 and under are admitted free.

The City of Elba employs five lifeguards at the city pool to insure the safety of those swimming at the pool. Each year, these lifeguards complete a training course designed to teach them how to react if someone is drowning. They also take classes to learn CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

"All rules are strictly enforced," said lifeguard Derrick Manning. "The main rule, however, is no running. We don't want anyone to slip and fall in or around the pool."

Another important rule the lifeguards wished to remind everyone is that no cut off jeans,



Lifeguards at the Elba City Pool are trained on how to react if someone is drowning, as well as trained to perform CPR. Also, to ensure the safety of all swimmers, the lifeguards make sure one and all follow the pool rules and regulations. Lifeguards Ryan Kinsaul and Melanie Mulzar are shown above with a sign posted at the pool to help better explain this list of rules for all swimmers.

shorts or other pants may be worn in the pool, and t-shirts are also not allowed in the pool.

Besides being a place of recreation, the city pool also serves as a learning facility at specific occasions during the summer when the lifeguards offer swimming lessons. Already this year, swimming lessons were held June 4th-8th, and additional swimming lesson times may be announced at a later date.

When asked why the pool is a great place to spend the hot days of summer, lifeguard Amber Hudson said, "We have the pool for kids and adults both to cool off in, and we also have refreshments. We sell chips and candy bars and drink machines are also available."

Manning said many people want to come to the pool to try to get a tan, and with that in mind, he said new chairs to "lay out" in have been purchased. The Elba City Pool does have a smaller pool, known as the "kiddie pool." This pool is currently under repair but should be finished soon.

Pool parties are available by reservation. To reserve a date and time for a party, call the Elba Recreation Center at (334) 897-6833.

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Fitzsimmons Street, addressed council members regarding the condition of the street.

The MacChis Creek Indian Tribe donated \$100 to the New Brockton Police Department.

Several information announcements were made, including:

- Downtown Revitalization group meeting will be held Tuesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. All interested persons are asked to attend this meeting.

- Town of New Brockton offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

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## Pitts Enterprises officially announces purchase of Dorsey Trailers in Elba

Jeff Pitts, President of Pitts Enterprises, has announced the recent purchase of Dorsey Trailers, in Elba, Ala.

Pitts Enterprise is the largest producer of forestry related trailers in the nation. The firm, headquartered in Pittsview, Ala., founded by Mr. Andrew Pitts in 1976, was recently classified by industry sources as the 22nd largest truck trailer manufacturing company in the nation. The company is in line to produce 2,000 trailers this year.

Under the new ownership

Dorsey Trailers will be a division of Pitts Enterprises and will manufacture a variety of over-the-road trailers bearing the Dorsey nameplate. The main focus of the local plant is to supply a national network of dealer's needs in the tradition of high quality trailers which established the Dorsey label throughout the past century.

Additionally the Elba plant will support the other two Pitts trailer plants, the 170,000 square foot Pittsview headquarters facility and Dynaweld

Trailers in Columbus, Ga. The original plant at Pittsview builds traditional forestry and construction related trailers. Dynaweld Trailers, the Columbus, Ga. division, specializes in heavy haul equipment and utility trailers.

Mr. Pitts said he is indebted to the Dorsey family, former employees and the long time dealers across the nation for establishing the company as a

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## Dorsey leaders speak to Elba Rotary Club members

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The members of the Elba Rotary Club received a special treat Tuesday, June 26, as the new owner of Dorsey Trailers visited the regular weekly meeting.

David Dorsey, general manager of the Dorsey division of Pitts Enterprises in Elba, was the scheduled speaker for the meeting. Much to the surprise of the club members, Dorsey was joined at the meeting by Jeff Pitts, president and owner of Pitts Enterprises.

Pitts Enterprises recently purchased the Elba trailer facility and will soon have it operational again.

On Tuesday of this week, Dorsey said he officially had been on the job for two weeks. However, he said a lot of work has gotten done in those two weeks.

Dorsey said already the management has been able to hire some good people to come to work for Pitts.

Dorsey said the management team realizes it is going to take some time to restore confidence in the Dorsey name. However, he said it is a challenge he and

Pitts look forward to overcoming.

"We're going to have to start over and mend some relationships," said Dorsey.

He said it will certainly take some time, but he's excited for the opportunity to work on mending those relationships and

restoring confidence in the Dorsey name. Also, he said he's excited about the possibilities Pitts has returned to Elba.

In fielding questions from Rotary members, Dorsey said

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**FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYS HOME...**Emergency personnel responded to the scene of a house fire early Friday morning, June 22, but the blaze was too far gone to save the structure by the time the responders arrived on scene. The home, located at 42 County Road 337 north of Elba, was reported to be on fire shortly after 2:30 a.m. last Friday morning. Among those dispatched to the scene were members of the Bullock Volunteer Fire Department and Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department. A unit from Coffee County EMS also responded to the scene. Firefighters worked to control the blaze, but that reportedly was all they could do. When the fire was extinguished, the only portion of the home left standing was the chimney (shown above). The burned structure reportedly continued to smolder for quite some time after firefighters extinguished the blaze.

### During council meeting

## Mayor reports no change in ISO rating for City of Elba

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday evening, June 25, to recommend to the Elba Planning and Zoning Board the zoning of the 203 Bypass from the Troy Highway to Highway 84 West as a business zone.

Mayor James Grimes explained that additional study was necessary before setting an exact depth from the highway for this business zone, but ongoing and proposed business expansion in the area make it a practical action to take.

Grimes added that he was in discussions with an unnamed business which wants to locate along this route.

In other business related information, the mayor reported that Burger King is expected to be in operation by early October in the old Hardee's location. He added that work is underway on plans for renovating the building and then the work can get underway in earnest.

The mayor said he has had contact with another person wanting to locate a restaurant in Elba. Grimes said he got this individual, who wants Elba as an additional location to his existing restaurant, together with an Elba businessman interested in supplying the facility.

Police Chief Freddy Hanchey reported only routine activity in the law enforcement department during the past two weeks.

Mayor Grimes reported to council members that it was not good news coming from the ISO inspection of several months ago. He said the report is now in, and Elba will stay a Class 6 community. He said there had been hope the rating would drop

to a Class 5, or lower and thus qualify Elba property owners for lower fire insurance rates.

A score of 50 was necessary to achieve a later rating and Elba only scored 46.31. The examiners looked at the fire department, water supply and communication work in arriving at their score.

Grimes said the shocking thing was that the Elba Volunteer Fire Department actually scored lower in 2007 than in the previous ISO inspection several years ago.

There is an appeal process, but no decision has been made on appealing the test results.

### According to officials

## Water supply remains good in Elba

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Even with the rain received lately, it is only a "drop in the bucket" compared to what farmers need to have good crops and what cities need for a sufficient water supply.

According to the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Management Authority report on monthly and year to date rainfall, however, Elba has seen more rainfall than this time last summer.

The month of May might not show it considering Elba only received 0.44 inches in comparison to 3.08 inches last year. However, a look at the year-to-date will show Elba so far is nearly six inches above the previous year. At this time last year, Elba had received 14.72 inches of rain. This year the local area has accumulated 20.68 inches.

Also in the report, New

The entire test or individual parts may be challenged but there is no guarantee of a better score.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham reported that city crews worked two trash trucks last week in an effort to catch up with a backlog of needs. He added that with homeowners trimming trees and shrubbery this time of year, it is real easy for crews to get behind.

Grantham also said mosquito spraying has started. He added that the extreme dry conditions had allowed the city to postpone beginning of spraying longer than normal.

Brockton had received 16.84 inches at this time last year and has now received 23.36 inches. In comparison, Lowery Mill stayed close to the same as last year. Lowery Mill received 19.44 inches of rain last year and the report shows that 19.96 inches have fallen this year.

With this in mind, City of Elba Water Superintendent Dennis Coleman was asked about Elba's water supply. "The City of Elba Water System is made up of four storage tanks with a combined 1 million gallons stored and five wells, with one of those wells on standby. The one that is on standby would only be used during an emergency," said Coleman. "Each well pumps between 135,000 and 249,000 (gallons) daily to the storage tanks, which totals nearly 24 million gallons per month."

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**THE ELBA 7 & 8-YEAR-OLD COACH-PITCH TRAVEL BASEBALL TEAM** won the Slocomb 7 & 8-year-old All-Stars Baseball Tournament held Saturday, June 9, in Slocomb, Ala. It was the first tournament of the season for the team. There were a total of 11 teams vying for the championship. The Elba team set a tournament record for home runs hits over the fence with a grand total of 17 home runs. Team members (shown above with tournament trophies) include: (front row, left to right) Tanner Herrington, Nicholas Johnson, Talon Flowers, Clay Kelley, Noah McDaniel and Tanner Hudson; (back row, left to right) Logan Davis, Jeremiah Jordan, Braxton Robinson, Grant Akridge, Landon Canley and Isaiah Kyles.

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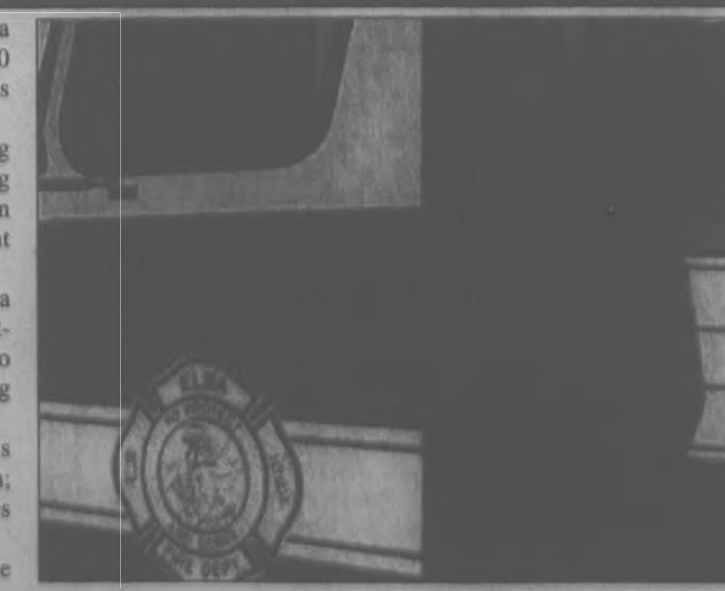
Mike Tindell joined the Elba Volunteer Fire Department 20 years ago. He currently serves as a captain.

Tindell's special training includes: State Fire Fighting Certification, Extrication Certification and Incident Command.

He said he enjoys being a member of the local fire department because it allows him to help the city and surrounding community.

Mike's family includes his wife, Beverly; daughter, Caitlin; and son, Tristen. His hobbies include hunting and fishing.

He is employed with the Army Fleet Support.



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JAMES HERBERT NICHOLS  
LTC James Herbert Nichols, USA (ret.), age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, June 22, 2007, at his home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 24, 2007, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba with Minister Stanley Carter officiating. Committal services were held June 25, 2007 in the P. Mitchell National Cemetery, 553 Highway 165, Fort Mitchell, Ala. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Ham United Methodist Church or the American Heart Assoc.

LTC Nichols' career spanned over 27 years with some of his duties and responsibilities being an instructor pilot rotary wing medical advisor, Armed Forces, Republic of South Vietnam; operations officer, aviation branch, Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, planning aviation support and medical assistance to U.S. Army Special Burn Center, Brooke Army Hospital, (Worldwide); U.S. Army Aviation Test Board, Fort Rucker, Ala., Senior Project Officer, Armament Test Division; 15th Medical Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry Division, South Vietnam, Air Ambulance Platoon Leader; Department of Aero Medical Education and Training, U.S. Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker; 39th Medical Group, Fort Bragg, NC, executive officer and acting group commander of Medical Group.

Awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal with two oak clusters, Combat Medical Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with three Battle Stars, World War II Victory Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Master Army Aviator Badge, National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and Vietnam Service Medal. As a civilian Mr. Nichols served as administrator of two hospitals the last of which was Elba General Hospital & Nursing Home.

Survivors include his wife: Ann Nichols, Elba; two daughters: Carol Nichols (husband Chuck) Mashburn and Cheryl Nichols, Mobile, Ala.; one granddaughter: Ann Elizabeth Mashburn and one grandson: Michael Mashburn, both of Columbus.

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## EDITORIAL

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# SPORTS

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## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My girls have decided to live together at college in the fall and have already begun the process of reading the classifieds and looking at garage sales to find some furniture for their apartment. I have promised to help them furnish the apartment and will make certain they have everything they need. However, my biggest concern is how well they will get along living together without Mom and Dad around to break up arguments and settle disputes. Oh well, I guess that is all just another part of growing up.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

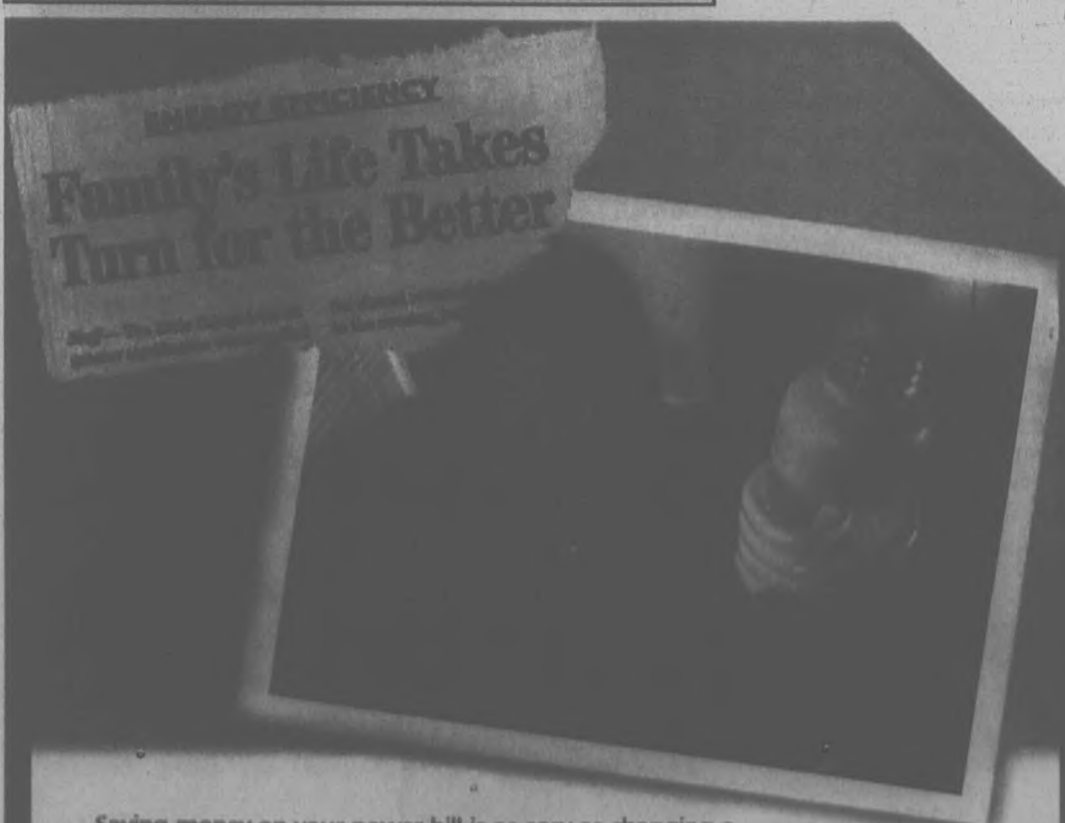
\*\*\* Zion Chapel is hunting a new head football coach this week after the unexpected departure of Harry Lees. Coach Lees resigned last week after four years as the head man for the Rebels to return to Florida, and his resignation will mean the Rebels will have new head coaches in both basketball and football for the 2007-08 school year. Zion Chapel found a young coach to take over the basketball program that will no doubt provide some added excitement to the program, and I am sure the new coach in football will also bring with him some new ideas and a new attitude. While it may be true the Rebels have won only 15 football games the last four years, the players up at Zion Chapel are confident better days are ahead and the Rebels seem to have a very good group of athletes on the way. I don't know who will apply or who might get the job, but in my opinion it is a much better job than many people might think.

\*\*\* Elba High basketball coach Glen Johnson and his family greeted a new member to the family recently with the arrival of a baby boy, and the Tiger coach now needs only two more boys to have his own team. Coach Johnson coached youth baseball during the summer around working at the school and looking after his wife and family, and last week at the all-star games in Brantley he was coaching third, while his wife and baby sat behind the backstop, one son was pitching and the other was helping the concession stand make a profit. There is no such thing as a summer vacation for a young coach with a family filled with ball players.

\*\*\* The all-star season is now underway, and it hasn't been the best of starts for the Elba teams in baseball and softball. The Dixie Youth Stars are winning up in Brantley and should make it to district, but the younger team faces an uphill battle in a tournament that includes both Enterprise and Troy, and the older boys ran into some stiff competition in Greenville and headed home in a hurry. Over in softball, the youngest team won two and lost two to place third in its tourney, while the middle two teams stumbled and made an early exit from post-season competition. The success of all-star teams is fun to follow and maybe brag about. However, all-stars is really a reward for a good season, and just to be on the team is a sign of success for all concerned.

\*\*\* In closing.... with the summer baseball season quickly drawing to a close I have to stop and thank Mike Capps for all the photos he made at the various games. Mike is a staff photographer in high school football and does a tremendous job, but in basketball, baseball, softball and youth sports donates his time to help us provide our readers with photos of our youth in action. I hate to think what our sports pages would look like without Mike's photos. Mike and Laura Baxley share a website that includes hundreds of pictures they have made throughout the summer at boys and girls games, as well as pictures at high school games from last year. Help these folks pay the bills and at the same time you can put together a scrapbook with their photos. The website is bcsports.dothphoto.com, and can be found through the web browser, not the search engines. Go there today and check it out.

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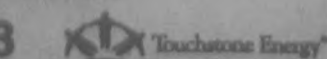
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### After 4 seasons with Rebels

## Lees resigns football post at Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be under the direction of a new field general next season in football after last week's announcement that Harry Lees had resigned after four seasons at the helm.

Lees, who guided the Rebels to a total of 15 wins in his four seasons as head football coach, resigned last week to take a position as an assistant coach at Pace, Florida.

Coach Lees, who was an assistant at Pace prior to coming to Zion Chapel, stated in a published report that "It was a good opportunity to get back there. My wife is from the Pensacola area and things worked out for us to go back."

Lees took over the football duties at Zion Chapel in 2003 and began to rebuild a Rebel football program that had won a total of 15 games over the previous seven seasons. His overall record at Zion Chapel was 15-27. However, in the last three seasons the Rebels posted an overall record of 14-18, and

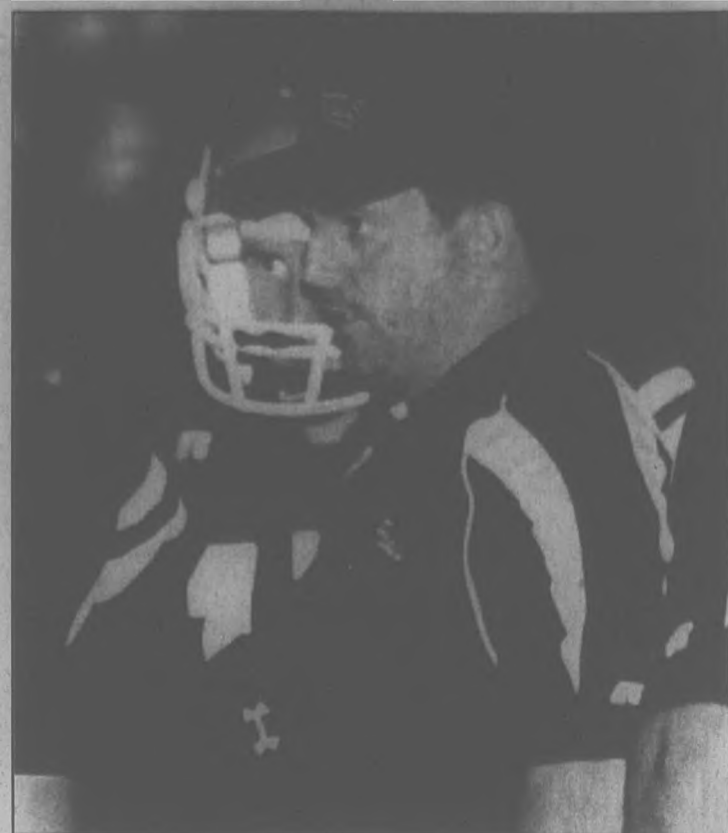
made two straight trips to the state playoffs in 2004-2005.

"We will certainly miss Coach Lees," stated Zion Chapel principal Bob Hartwell. "He did an tremendous job of building our program back to the point of respectability and we will all wish him the best."

"It was a great experience at Zion Chapel," added Lees. "We met a lot of great people and feel like we accomplished something here. When we arrived we wanted to establish pride and I feel like we did that. The players now expect to be competitive."

Lees also stated that the future is bright at Zion Chapel, and pointed with pride to the new weight room that had been constructed to help make the Rebel athletes bigger, stronger and faster in all sports.

Zion Chapel was Lees first experience as a head coach, and before arriving at the school had been an assistant at Oak Grove, Chelsea, Escambia (Florida) and Pace.



Coach Harry Lees...on sidelines with Rebels.

### Babe Ruth World Series tickets now on sale in Andalusia

Tickets for the 13-15 Babe Ruth League World Series go on sale June 22. Witness baseball history first hand as 10 teams compete in the greatest championship series in sports, the Babe Ruth World Series.

Tickets can be purchased at several locations in Covington County, including Johnson Park in Andalusia, Opp Parks & Recreation and area banks. Also, tickets can be purchased from Andalusia Lions Club members. Andalusia youth football officers and any member of the Opp High School Booster Club. Tickets may also be purchased on-line at [baberuth13-15worldseries.com](http://baberuth13-15worldseries.com). The price for tickets is as follows:

\$25 for an adult tournament pass

\$15 for a student tournament pass (ages 6-18)

\$50 for a family tournament pass (up to five family members/must reside in same household)

\$5 for an adult daily pass

\$3 for a student daily pass (ages 6-18)

Preparations continue for the series, which starts with a banquet on Aug. 16, and opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. on Aug. 17 at Crum Foshee Field on the campus of LBW Community College.

"Opening ceremonies are shaping up to be a great family event," says Dwight Mikel, tournament director. "We will honor those who are serving and those who have served in the armed forces. For the opening ceremony, we will have several

special guests including local, state and national dignitaries. Also, anyone who has served in the military will receive complimentary admission for opening day."

The Babe Ruth Steering Committee continues to secure sponsors for the county-wide event. Sponsorships begin with a title sponsorship for \$20,000, corporate sponsorship for \$5,000, event sponsorship for \$1,500 and a team sponsorship for \$1,000. Program ads range from \$40 - \$300. For more information, contact Dwight Mikel at 334-222-2714 or email [dwmikel@cityofandalusia.com](mailto:dwmikel@cityofandalusia.com).

In order for the event to be a success, volunteers are needed. If you would like to be a volunteer for the World Series, contact Mark Ingram at 334-427-3330 or [mark.ingram@power-south.com](mailto:mark.ingram@power-south.com). Volunteers are needed for concessions, vendor sales, ticket sales and program sales.

The 13-15 Babe Ruth League World Series runs from Aug. 17-24, 2007, at Crum Foshee Field on the campus of LBW Community College in Andalusia, Ala.

### Five feature races held at SAS

By Mark Chisum

#### Feature Results

##### Modified

1. Ricky Brooks
2. Shannon Burns
3. Brett Jean
4. Lance Blacker
5. Brett Hanson

##### Street Stock

1. Kyle Sims
2. Chris Salter
3. Ken Pettis
4. Cameron Henderson
5. Billy Ammons

DNS Johnny Willis, Danny Cooper

##### Roadrunner

1. Billy Maxie
2. Charles Gardner
3. Tony Tidwell
4. John Singletary
5. Tim Peters

DNS Charlie Hercus

##### Coyote

1. Michael Smith
2. Chase Berry
3. Max Nelson
4. Clint Berry
5. Dee Bucklew

DNS Aaron Horan

##### Mini Sportsman

1. Jeremy Peacock
2. Burl Brunson
3. Jeremy Geddings
4. Eddy Hinson
5. Paul Barbes

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Pictured in Photo: Seated: Sandra Skanes (mother), Devaris, Coach Ashley Kilcrease Standing: Head Coach David Lowery, Superintendent Kathi Wallace, Principal Tony Stallworth

### Skanes signs with North Alabama

Former Brantley High School standout Devaris Skanes signs a letter of intent to play college football with the University of North Alabama. The Brantley graduate received a full scholarship after spending two seasons playing for the Reedy Tigers in central California. While at Reedy, Skanes earned his associate in arts degree as he helped lead the Tigers to a conference championship in 2005. Skanes ranks 8th with 86 TD's and 13th with 5699 total rushing yards according to the AHSAA. He plans to major in Physical Education at UNA.



Pictured above are: 1st Row: Megan Bass, Lauren Johnson, Sarah Driggers, Madison Harris, Morgan Harris, Payton Burnett, Grayson Ray 2nd Row: Alexis Bell, Eisha Bogen, Dominique Caldwell, Sydnee Bryan, Amahni Upshaw 3rd Row: Lisa Johnson, Chris Bryan, Sweet Pea Bogen, Lisa Harris, Tammie Bryan

### Brantley Dixie Angels repeat as champs

Brantley's Dixie Angels won out over Andalusia, Covington County, Elba, Greenville, Luverne, and had to defeat Opp twice in the Championship game to earn their second sub district title in two years. The All-Stars earned a berth in the District Tournament, in Eufaula, and owned a 1-1 record after two days of action, with the win coming over Dothan.

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ELBA DIXIE MINORS... pitcher tosses ball back to home plate.



ELBA DIXIE MINORS... base runner slides in at home plate.

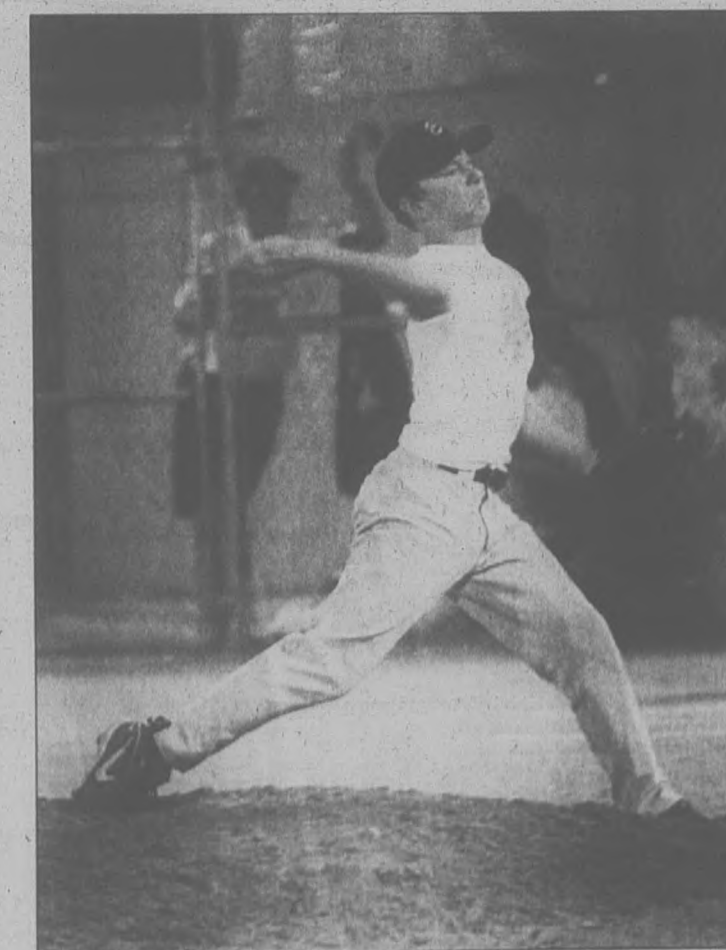
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**Elba Dixie Ponytails Softball**  
**Elba Dixie Belles Softball**  
**Kinston Dixie Ponytails Softball**

Photos by Mike Capps  
and Laura Baxley



ELBA DIXIE BELLES... catcher frames a pitch



ELBA DIXIE YOUTH... pitcher fires to the plate



ELBA DIXIE BELLES... delivers a pitch to plate



ELBA DIXIE PONYTAILS... enjoys a break in action



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Local UDC chapter honors four Elba citizens

The General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy recently honored four Elba citizens for their outstanding civic and community contributions.

During the commemoration of Confederate History and Heritage month in April, the UDC chapter presented the Judah P. Benjamin Award to Jim Gilmer, Mary Nell Gilmer, Jill Dunn and Laurie Chapman, all of Elba.

For eight years, Jim and Nell Gilmer have voluntarily prepared income tax returns for low and middle income seniors through the AARP Tax Aide program.

Jill Dunn had a dream of a children's playground for the city of Elba. She and Laurie Chapman served as co-chairmen and Nell Gilmer served as treasurer for the project that became



Nell Gilmer, Jill Dunn and Laurie Chapman were honored for their community service through the Tiger Town Park playground project in Elba. They are shown above with Shirley Edberg (left), UDC chapter president, and Donna Clark (right), UDC chapter Judah P. Benjamin committee chairman.

Tiger Town Park. They were actively involved in organizing

volunteers and directing fundraising activities for the highly successful community project.

The Judah P. Benjamin Award is a national award named for the outstanding statesman who served as the Secretary of State on President Jefferson Davis'.

## No tuition hike at EOCC

"Our tuition will remain at its current rate of \$90 per credit hour for the fourth year," says Dr. Stafford Thompson, president of EOCC. "Bradley Byrne, Chancellor of the Alabama College System, announced his decision to keep tuition the same state-wide."

"Community colleges mean access to higher education. Families need options that make college affordable. We are committed to providing those options and opening doors for students," said Mr. Byrne. "We are also appreciative for the support of the Governor and Legislature as we plan for the upcoming fiscal year."

The STARS agreement guarantees the transfer of credit from Alabama's community colleges to the state's four-year colleges. That guarantee and low tuition mean students can complete the first two years of a bachelor's

degree at about half the cost of a state university. Pell grants, scholarships, and other financial aid make community colleges even more affordable.

"Fall term 2006 EOCC had the largest enrollment growth of any college in the state with over 22 percent," says Dr. Thompson. "We also experienced a tremendous increase in our 2007 spring term enrollment over the 2006 spring term, as well as what looks to be a nice increase for our summer term when all the figures are in from our second mini-term enrollments."

Registration for fall semester will open on July 18. For more information about how to be admitted to the College, how to register for courses, or how to apply for financial aid, call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, the Aviation Campus at Ozark at (334) 774-5113, the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438, or go online at [www.eocc.edu](http://www.eocc.edu).

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## Troy University (Dothan) announces honor students for Spring semester

Troy University has announced its honor students for spring semester for the Dothan campus, according to Dr. Ed Roach, Senior Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.

Full-time undergraduate students who earned a 4.0 grade point average for the spring semester are recognized on the Chancellor's List, the university's to honor roll. Full-time undergraduate students who



JALON ELLISON EARNED HER SECOND DEGREE BLACK BELT IN TAEKWONDO on June 9, 2007. She is the youngest second degree black belt in the United States. She has been taking Taekwondo since she was 3 1/2 years old. Jalon earned her first degree black belt one year ago and established herself as the second youngest first degree black belt in the United States and the youngest in the State of Alabama.

Set to begin Monday, July 9th

## Elba Public Library preparing for Summer Reading Program

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

When summer rolls around, the Elba Public Library suddenly becomes a very busy place as the annual summer reading program gets underway.

The library's summer reading program this year will begin Monday, July 9, and will be held every Monday during the month of July. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. for all children ages 2-5 and will last until 11 a.m. All children grades 1-5 will enjoy their program from 1:30 until 2:15 p.m.

"We are going to read and have an art and crafts session

each time that we meet," said Kay Wilson, librarian of the Elba Public Library. "Students will keep a reading log and if they read 20 books close to their reading level, they will get to choose from an assortment of prizes in the prize box."

Wilson also asks that parents of the children ages 2-5 please stay at the library and enjoy the fun with their youngster. "She said there is no need to call to register for the summer reading program. Those interested in participating just need to show up on the first day."

"If the child has no library card, the parent needs to bring two forms of identification that verifies their address," said Wilson. "We encourage all children and parents to come to the summer reading program and enjoy this fun time at the Elba Public Library."

Also, the first week in July will be Amnesty Week for anyone who has overdue books. Those who do not wish to return the books in person, may place the books in the drop box at the library, and all charges will be waived.

Wilson also said any adults interested in a reading group or anyone who has a hobby they would like displayed at the library can reach her at the library by calling (334) 897-6921.

The Elba Public Library is a Wiregrass United Way agency, and all monetary donations or donations of books or media are tax deductible.

## \*NOTICE\*

Due to Independence Day being Wednesday, July 4, The Elba Clipper will observe a special deadline for the Thursday, July 5, edition.

All Church and Social news will be due Friday, June 29, by 3 p.m. The deadline for Advertising and all other news will be Monday, July 2, at 12 Noon.

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the holiday.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## PITTS

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quality leader in the industry. He said that he and the experienced trailer manufacturing team at Pitts Enterprises plan to carry that tradition of excellence into the future. Continuing he added a promise to "maintain the Dorsey tradition of 'Modern Design Transportation Equipment' with pride in the finished product and respect for those who blazed the shining trail to this point."

General Manager of the local facility will be Elba native

David Dorsey, a descendant of the founders of the company. He is the youngest son of the late Kimmie and Betty Dorsey. The elder Dorsey spent his working career selling Dorsey Trailers at the corporate level.

Mr. David Dorsey himself has a career in trailer sales, having operated Dorsey Trailer Leasing, Inc. in Dothan for a number of years.

Dorsey is in the process of

hiring an office staff, examining the manufacturing plant equipment for needed repairs and scheduling general clean-up in preparation for starting up the production lines as soon as possible.

He estimates it will take three to four months to get the shuttered facility back into producing many of the same model trailers that made Dorsey famous.

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## ROTARY

## Carbon monoxide deaths often follow weather problems

As hurricane season blows in, consumers need to be aware of the many dangers associated with severe weather. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) urges consumers to protect themselves and their families not only during, but after the storm.

In 2005, CPSC received reports of at least 64 people who died from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning associated with portable generators.

Portable gas generators, often used by consumers to restore power to their homes and businesses in the aftermath of a storm, produce high levels of odorless, poisonous CO. CPSC warns consumers that generators should be used outdoors only, far from doors, windows, and vents that could allow CO to come indoors.

Porter Novelli "Healthstyles" surveys of more than 10,000 adults found dangerous misconceptions about generator safety. The surveys found that most respondents (62 percent) believe it is safe to run a generator in a garage as long as the garage door is open.

Many (47 percent) also believe it is safe to run a generator in a basement as long as a window is open. But both scenarios have caused deaths.

Even in a garage with the door open, CO can accumulate rapidly and seep into the home, overpowering sleeping occupants. CPSC warns consumers never to use a generator inside homes, garages, crawlspaces, sheds, or similar areas, even with ventilation. CPSC estimates the amount of CO produced by just one generator is equal to the CO produced by hundreds of idling cars.

"Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless poison gas. It is an invisible killer," said CPSC Acting Chairman Nancy Nord. "While generators can come in handy after a storm, using one indoors can kill you and your family in minutes."

Deaths associated with CO from portable generators have risen in recent years. In 1999, generators were involved with 6% of the total yearly estimated CO poisoning deaths associated with all consumer products compared to 24% in 2002.

CPSC has taken major steps to alert and safeguard consumers who use portable generators. CPSC mandated that all generators manufactured or imported on or after May 14, 2007, bear a prominent DANGER label to warn consumers about CO and encourage safe use.

CPSC is also pursuing rule-making to develop performance requirements or other strategies to lower the risk of CO poisoning associated with portable generators.

The agency has posted a new alert on its Web site, [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov), with tips for consumers on safe generator use.

the facility is in good shape and good to go. Actually, he said the management team was pleasantly surprised with the condition of the inside of the plant.

Dorsey said he hopes to have some production either started or finished within 90 days. He said the company will utilize three lines with about 20-30 people on each line.

While the company plans to start small, Dorsey said he does not think 400 employees is out

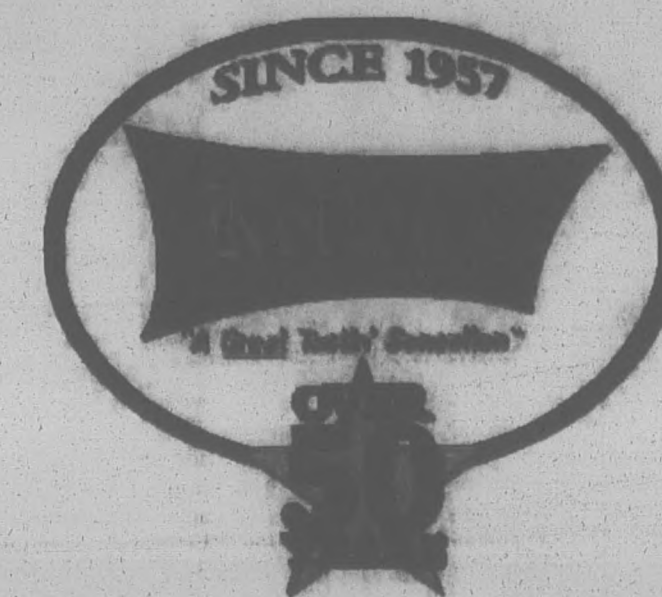
of the question in the future. Right now, however, he said the main goal is to get people in place and get production started.

Pitts also briefly addressed the club members and spoke highly of Elba Mayor James Grimes. He said the mayor has helped make Pitts Enterprises feel very welcome in Elba.

Pitts added that everyone he has come in contact with in Elba thus far has made him feel right at home.



OFFICER INSTALLATION...During the regular weekly meeting, the Elba Rotary Club installed officers Tuesday, June 26, for the 2007-08 year. Outgoing president Ronnie Young began the installation ceremony with a few final remarks before handing the gavel over to new president Keith Reigle. Young spoke of the accomplishments the club made over the past year and said he looks forward to other ventures already started by the club such as the Habitat for Humanity project. The club is the lead sponsor in building a new Habitat for Humanity home in Elba. The project currently is in the fund raising stage. Young (left) is shown above with the 2007-08 Elba Rotary Club officers. They include: Keith Reigle, president; Tonya Jones, president-elect; and Gloria Maloy, secretary/treasurer. After accepting the gavel from Young, Reigle said he looks forward to serving as president this year.



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## Elba Rotary Club holds auction to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity home

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Rotary Club hosted a fund raising event last Thursday evening, June 21, in an attempt to move forward with a new Habitat for Humanity project.

Some time back, the local club decided to work towards raising the required funds to build a new Habitat for Humanity home in Elba. As lead sponsor of the event, the club looked to the community last week to help get the project moving.

The community, in turn, responded nicely as the event was deemed a huge success.

Rotary club members, other civic organizations, churches, Sunday School classes, area schools, elected officials, businesses and any others interested were asked to sponsor a table at an auction event with proceeds benefiting the Habitat for Humanity project. According to officials, 23 tables were sponsored with eight seats at each table.

Ronnie Young, 2006-07 Elba Rotary Club president, opened the evening's events by thanking everyone for attending the charity event. He said due to the

club's success over the year, all proceeds from the auction would go directly to the Habitat for Humanity project in Elba.

Young said a parcel of land has been acquired for the project, and as lead sponsor, the Elba Rotary Club would need to raise approximately \$30,000 to build the home.

After a catered meal, those in attendance participated in a silent auction followed by a live

### Application Process Open for Habitat for Humanity House

The application process is open to those wishing to apply for the Habitat for Humanity house to be built in Elba. The project currently is in the fund raising stages. The lead sponsor of the project is the Elba Rotary Club.

Those families interested in applying for this Habitat for Humanity house should stop by the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, located on Putnam Street in Elba, to pick up an application.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday, July 31.

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On Tuesday of this week, the local Rotarians gathered at lunch for their weekly meeting, and Habitat for Humanity Project committee member Kaye Whitworth provided a well received update from the auction event.

Whitworth said the total income from the event was \$12,621. Expenses totaled \$2,450.38 which meant the profit from last Thursday evening's event was \$10,170.62.

Young said he is so thankful the people of the community are responding so well to this project and said he is pleased the entire proceeds from the auction will go towards the Habitat for Humanity house.

He also said this would not have been possible had it not been for other successful club projects from the year including the golf tournament held in April. He again thanked the club members for their dedication.

In her report, Whitworth also said some items for the construction of the home already have been secured for donation or at a discounted rate.



THE STAFF OF MOSELEY'S PHOTOGRAPHY AND DESIGN was among the attendees of the Elba Rotary Club auction held last Thursday evening, June 21, at the Elba Recreation Center. The purpose of the event was to raise funds to build a new Habitat for Humanity home in Elba. Tables sponsors for the charity event were responsible for the design of their table. As one might imagine, the Moseley's table included a photography theme. Those shown above include: (sitting) Pat Clark and Sylvia Padgett; (standing, left to right) Jane Moseley, Gloria Moseley, Mark Moseley, Dale Moseley and Michael Moseley (holding daughter, Michaela).



A variety of items were up for bid in the live auction portion of last Thursday evening's event. Prior to the auction, those in attendance were able to view and examine the items. The evening also included a catered meal consisting of grilled pork chops, roasted new potatoes, green beans, green salad, rolls, and dessert.

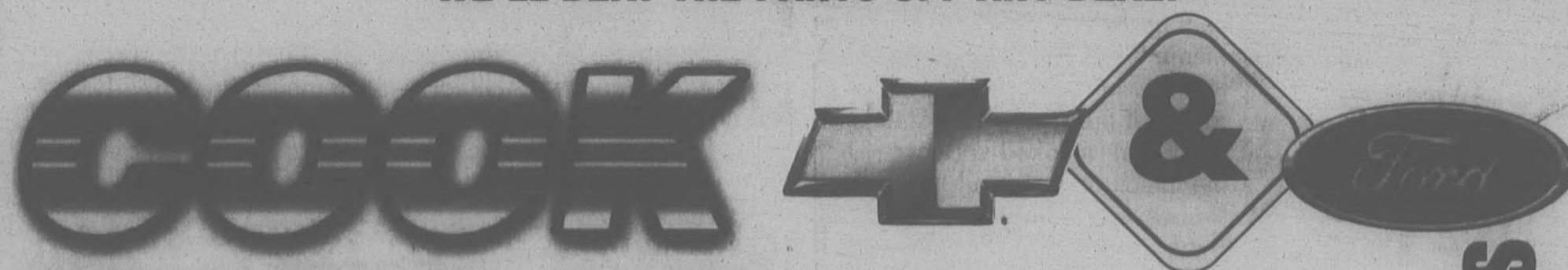
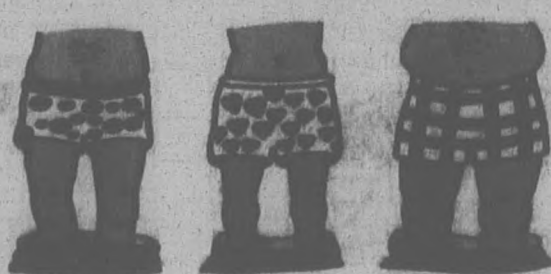


THE WOODMEN OF THE WORLD TABLE, sponsored by Linda Westbrook, was one of the 23 tables at the Elba Rotary Club auction held last Thursday evening. Fittingly, the centerpiece of this table was a replica of a Habitat for Humanity house. Among the guests of the Woodmen of the World table were (sitting, from left) Ann Dyess, Mary Alice Lee and John Glen Lee.

The Elba Rotary Club event held last Thursday evening actually consisted of two auctions. There was a silent auction for several items followed by a live auction conducted by auctioneer Roger Boethe. Above, steady line of bidders look over the items included in the silent auction.

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